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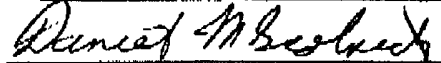
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Title: **ELONGATION FACTOR P (EFP) AND ASSAYS AND ANTIMICROBIAL TREATMENTS RELATED TO THE SAME**

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and that the rejection of claims in the application be reconsidered and withdrawn. A petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.